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841 Chestnut Building Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Armstrong World Industries Attn: David D. Wilson, Senior Attorney P.O. Box 3001 Lancaster, PA 17604

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RE: Berks Landfill, Sinking Spring, PA

Dear Mr. Wilson:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is seeking additional information concerning a release, or threat of release, of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants into the environment at the Berks Landfill, Sinking Spring, PA (the "Site"). Pursuant to the authority of Section 3007(a) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. Section 6927(a), and Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(e), Armstrong World Industries ("Armstrong") is required to furnish all information and documents in its possession, custody or control, or in the possession, custody or control of any of its employees or agents which concern, refer, or relate to hazardous substances as defined by Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601(14), pollutants, contaminants, and/or hazardous wastes as defined by Section 1004(5) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. Section 6903(5), which were transported to, stored, treated, or disposed of at the above referenced Site. EPA has reviewed Armstrong's August 14, 1987 response to EPA's Information Request letter and has determined that the response was incomplete in the following ways:

- l. Armstrong's response states "to the best of our knowledge, no materials were ever shipped to the Berks Landfill." EPA hereby requires that Armstrong provide specific information as to the documents reviewed and how Armstrong came to the conclusion that no materials were ever shipped to the Site.
- 2. EPA also requires Armstrong to respond to questions 1 through 4, 6 and 7 in EPA's Information Request letter dated July 16, 1987, which is attached and hereby incorporated into this letter.

The provisions in Section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9604, and Section 3008 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. Section 6928, authorize EPA to pursue penalties for failure to comply with these sections or for failure to respond adequately to required submissions of



information. In addition, providing false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations may subject you to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001. The information you provide may be used by EPA in administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings.

As used herein, the term "documents" means: writings (handwritten, typed or otherwise produced or reproduced) and includes, but is not limited to, any invoices, checks, receipts, bills of lading, weight receipts, toll receipts, correspondence, offers, contracts, agreements, deeds, leases, manifests, licenses, permits, bids, awards of contracts, proposals, policies of insurance, logs, books of original entry, minutes of meetings, memoranda, notes, calendar or daily entries, agendas, bulletins, notices, announcements, charts, maps, photographs, drawings, manuals, brochures, reports of scientific studies or investigations, schedules, price lists, telegrams, teletypes, phono-records, magnetic tapes, punch cards, recordings, discs, computer printouts, or other data compilations from which information can be obtained or translated.

Armstrong is requested to address in full, from the time period of 1950 through 1986, each of the following items:

- 1. During the Responsible Party investigation, EPA interviewed a number of former employees from Site. EPA obtained information which indicates that Armstrong disposed of waste at the Site. This information indicates that wastes in drums were hauled to the Site by green tractor trailers. The wastes emitted a strong linoleum oil-based smell. The waste was pushed into the landfill by a cylinder inside the trailer. Foundry sand was used to cover this waste after it was put into the fill at the Site. EPA hereby requests that Armstrong respond to this information.
- 2. Has Armstrong ever entered into any contractual relationship with Stabatrol Corporation? If the answer to this question is anything but an unqualified NO, further provide:
- a. Has Armstrong ever had any correspondence with Stabatrol Corporation?
- b. The types of services, if any, Stabatrol provided to Armstrong, include any documents which relate to this request;
- c. The types of waste, if any, disposed of by Stabatrol, include the chemical composition and the physical state (solid, liquid, gas). The information provided should include, but not be limited to, any analysis that was performed on the waste;

- d. The manner, if any, in which the substances were stored or disposed (i.e. drummed or uncontained, placed in lagoons, landfilled, placed in piles, etc.);
- e. The ultimate disposal location, if any, of the waste;
 and
- f. The name(s) of the person(s) employed by Stabatrol Corporation with whom Armstrong had any correspondence.

Your response should also include the source of all information and documents you are providing. With respect to documents you should identify the date, author, addressee, current location, and custodian of each document submitted.

You are entitled to assert a claim of business confidentiality covering any part or all of the submitted information, in the manner described in 40 C.F.R. Section 2.203(b). Information subject to a claim of business confidentiality will be made available to the public only in accordance with the procedures set forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. If a claim of business confidentiality is not asserted when the information is submitted to EPA, EPA may make this information available to the public without further notice to you.

Please respond in writing to this required submission of information within 10 days of your receipt of this letter.

All documents and information should be sent to:

Joan Armstrong
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
PRP Search Section (3HWll)
841 Chestnut Building
Philadelphia, PA 19107

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Ms. Armstrong at (215)597-0531. If you have specific legal questions relating to this matter, please contact Rosanne Mistretta at (215)597-8069. Technical questions can be referred to Dianne Walker at (215)597-3168. All questions concerning this matter must be addressed to the above persons prior to the time specified above.

This required submission of information is not subject to the approval requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. Section 3501, et seq.

Sincerely,

Peter W. Schaul, Chief Superfund Programs Branch

Enclosure

cc: D. Walker (3HW21)

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In Reply Refer To: 3HW12

Armstrong Corporation Armstrong World Industries, Inc. c/o Mr. J.L. Jones, President Liberty and Charlotte Streets Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17604

Dear Mr. Jones:

The Environmental Protection A information concerning a release, o hazardous substances into the envir authority of Section 3007(a) of the

Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. Se 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(e), your company is requested to furnish all information and documents in its possession, custody or control, or in the possession, custody or control of any of its officers, employees or agents which concern, refer, or relate to hazardous substances as defined by Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601(14), which were transported to, or stored, or disposed of at the Berks Landfill, in Sinking Springs, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

All information and documents requested are due to the address listed below within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of this letter.

The response should include, but not be limited to, information and documentation concerning:

- the types and quantities of the hazardous substances sent to the Berks Landfill;
- the date(s) such substances were sent to the Berks Landfill; 2.
- the state (i.e., liquid, solid, or gaseous) of the substances sent to the Berks Landfill, and the manner in which the substances were stored or disposed (i.e, drummed or uncontained, placed in lagoons, landfilled, placed in piles, etc.);

- 4. any correspondence between your company and any regulatory agencies regarding such substances;
- 5. any correspondence between your company and any third party regarding such substances;
- 6. the identity of, and documents relating tc, any other person who generated, treated, stored, transported, or disposed, or who arranged for the treatment, storage, disposal, or transportation of such substances at your company; and
- 7. copies of any deeds, rights-of-way, leases, or other real interests which your company has in the Berks Landfill.

Please describe any documents that were maintained by your company of the transactions with the Berks Landfill including the date of the documents, the author of the documents, the current location of the documents and the current custodian, and all efforts that were taken to identify these documents.

In addition to the above information, if your company is privately insured against releases of hazardous wastes or substances as a result of the handling of such materials, please inform us of the existence of such insurance and provide us with copies of all insurance policies.

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Please send the required information to:

Gerallyn Downes-Valls
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III
PA CERCLA Remedial Enforcement Section (3HW12)
841 Chestnut Street, 6th Floor
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Gerallyn Downes-Valls at (215) 597-8186.

Sincerely,

Bruce P. Smith, Chief Hazardous Waste Enforcement Branch

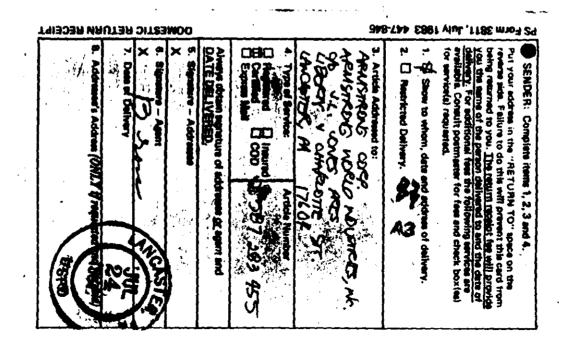
cc: Donald Lazarchik, PADER





Ms. Gerallyn Downes-Valls U.S. EPA, Region III PA CERCLA Remedial Enforcement Section (3HW12) 841 Chestnut Street, 6th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19107

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